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In the Matter of)
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 Applications of WorldCom, Inc.) CC Docket No. 97-211
 And MCI Communications Corp.)
 for Transfer of Control of)
 MCI Communications Corporation)

RESPONSE TO JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Bell Atlantic Corp. does not object to MCI's and Worldcom's request for an extension of time to explain how they are fixing the Internet problems caused by their merger. However, it would be inappropriate to designate a new proposal by the merger parties a "reply" brief. Instead, a new proposal should be put out for public comment. This time, the merger parties should disclose not just a brief summary of the proposal, but also an entire copy of any agreement concerning the disposition of assets, copies of all documents discussing the alternatives MCI or Worldcom considered in selecting this particular proposal (cf. 15 U.S.C. § 16(e)(1) (disclosure of "alternative remedies actually considered" an essential part of antitrust public interest determination)), and a copy of all submissions to the Department of Justice and the European antitrust authorities concerning the proposal. This Commission should have access to the same "white papers" and other materials the other reviewing agencies have received from the merger parties in defense of their new proposal.


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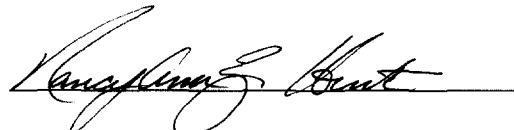
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